

359 FIREARM INJURY REPORTING

359.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Investigation of cases involving firearm injuries is important to the Department and the safety of the public. Some causes of firearm injuries may not be readily apparent and some cases differ substantially from what they appeared to be initially. The Department takes firearm injury investigations seriously and therefore members must conduct thorough and complete investigations.

359.2 INVESTIGATION

All bullet wounds, gunshot wounds, powder burns or any other injury arising from, or caused by, the discharge of any gun, pistol or any other firearm reported to this department shall be thoroughly investigated.

Members investigating firearm injuries shall contact a supervisor as soon as reasonably possible to determine if further guidance or additional resources are necessary.

359.3 HUNTING OR SPORT SHOOTING INJURIES

When investigating a firearm injury, the handling member shall determine the general cause of the wound, and upon determining that the wound was caused by an action connected with hunting or sport shooting, shall immediately conduct a detailed investigation into the facts surrounding the incident.

If requested, all reports or investigations under this section may be forwarded to the Missouri Department of Conservation or as allowed by law.